

reason why uniform pellucid mediums, (such as Water, Glass, or Crystal) have no sensible reflexion but in their external superficies, where they are adjacent to other mediums of a different density, is because all their contiguous parts have one and the same degree of density.

P R O P. II.

The least parts of almost all natural Bodies are in some measure transparent: And the opacity of those Bodies ariseth from the multitude of reflexions caused in their internal Parts.

That this is so has been observed by others, and will easily be granted by them that have been conversant with Microscopes. And it may be also tryed by applying any substance to a Hole through which some Light is immitted into a dark room. For how opaque soever that substance may seem in the open Air, it will by that means appear very manifestly transparent, if it be of a sufficient thinness. Only white metalline Bodies must be excepted, which by reason of their excessive density seem to reflect almost all the Light incident on their first superficies, unless by solution in menstruums they be reduced into very small particles, and then they become transparent.

P R O P. III.

Between the parts of opaque and coloured Bodies are many spaces, either empty or replenished, with mediums of other densities; as Water between the tinging corpuscles wherewith any Liquor is impregnated, Air between the
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aqueous globules the most part perhaps not whole of hard Bodies.

The truth of Propositions: E many reflexions which, by the the parts of the such interstices caused only in a differing densi

But further, principal cause considering, tha by filling their p most equal densi ped in Water or Water, Linnen-o substances soaked pervade their li transparent than most transparent pores, or separa opaque, as Salts o by being dried, reduced to pow tine by being st imperfectly, an small Bubbles, e by shaking it t with some other